departments for further detailed exploration work.

In addition, many Central Government and State Government Departments such as Central Ground Water Board and State Ground Water Departments are capable of carrying out such studies using remote sensing techniques.

Transfer of Helicopter units from the Air Force to the Army

2208. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to transfer some helicopter units from the Air Force to the Army; if so, what are the reasons therefor and what functions are likely to be assigned to them; and

(b) whether the Navy is also likely to have a sort of mini air force, if so, whether it is likely to be equipped with aircraft carriers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The Air Observation Post helicopters, which Government has decided to integrate with the Army, have always been flown by Army Officers for purely Army tasks. Transfer of these helicopter units to the Army would streamline their operations and permit quicker reaction time during hostilities. The Air Observation Post helicopter units would continue to perform their present functions.

(b) The Navy is already equipped with aircraft carriers from which fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft are deployed. Naval assets also include rotary wing aircraft deployed from ships and land basis and fixed wing maritime reconnaissance aircraft based on the land.

Increase in drug peddling and addiction

2209. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) wheher any study is being made by Government to assess the alarming increase in drug peddling and addiction in the country;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to stop this menace especially among college students; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to amend the Indian Narcotics Act to enforce strict vigilance and awarding of deterrent punishment to drug peddlars and drug users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A study of the drug abuse situation amongst students in four metropolitan cities and five other towns of the country was commissioned in 1985. The results of this study are still awaited. A variety of educational and preventive measures are being taken by the Ministry of Welfare to counteract the problem of drug abuse among the people including students.

(c) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotrophic Substances Act, 1985 was recently enacted and enforced w.e.f. 14-11-85. There is no proposal with the Government to amend the said Act at present. The Act provides for deterrent penalties for drug-trafficking/peddling.

Arrest without warrant of an officer of Punjab and Sind Bank of Chandigarh

2210. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on 7th June, 1986 one Mr. Labh Singh, an officer of Punjab and Sind Bank's Regional Office, Haryana, was

removed from Chandigarh without any warrant and taken to Patiala by the Patiala District Police;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a deputation of Punjab and Sind Bank Officers' Association met DIG Patiala and demanded his release and enquiry into the matter; and

(d) whether the Chandigarh police have protested against the action of Patiala police in removing Mr. Labh Singh from Chandigarh without informing Chandigarh police authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, Shri Labh Singh was not removed by the Patiala district police on 7-6-86 from Chandigarh or anywhere else.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Direction given by the High Court of Kerala regarding citizenship

2211. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the direction given by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam in OP No. 1491 of 1986-C of Shri Karingappara Mohammed, Panakavil House, (P.O.) Kadampurha, Malappuram District Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the case is likely to be decided; and

(c) what is the number of cases pending for determination of status under Section 9(2) of the Citizenship Act or long term stay in India under Section 3(2) of the Foreigners Act of 1946 separately and since when these cases are pending together with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the High Court of Kerala's direction, the case is being processed in consultation with State Government and will be decided as early as possible.

(c) 348 petitions seeking determination of national status under Section 9(2) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 are pending. These are pending for completion of procedural requirements. Long term stay is not granted to foreigners under Section 3(2) of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

शारीरिक और हथियारों का प्रशिक्षण देने वाले संगठन

2212. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसे कौन से संगठन हैं जो देश के विभिन्न भागों में धर्म जाति आदि के नाम पर शारिरिक और हथियारों का प्रशिक्षण दे रहे हैं/देते रहे हैं;

(ख) उनमें से कितने संगठन प्रत्यक्ष/अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से विदेशों से धन प्राप्तया कर रहे हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ऐसे कुछ संगठनों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने का विचार रखता हैं ?

राज्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्र (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी

Foreign Funds for voluntary Organisations of Orissa

2213. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some voluntary organisations functioning in Orissa are getting foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the names of such organisations;

(c) the names of the countries from whom such organisations are receiving money; and